GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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Ramayana and Krishna Circuits
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to make Ramayana and Krishna circuits in different locations in the country in order to attract more foreign tourists as well as domestic tourists;
(b) if so, the details of these States;
(c) whether the Government has allocated financial package for developing Ramayana and Krishna circuits in the country;
(d) if so, the details of the financial package; and
(e) whether any time limit has been set for completion of these circuits and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): Ramayana Circuit and Krishna Circuit are among the thirteen thematic circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

Ministry has initially identified fifteen destinations for development under the Ramayana Circuit theme namely Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur & Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sitamarhi, Buxar & Darbhanga (Bihar), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh), Nashik & Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).

Similarly, twelve destinations have been identified for development under Krishna circuit namely Dwarka (Gujarat), Nathdwara, Jaipur & Sikar (Rajasthan), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Barsana, Nandgaon & Govardhan (Uttar Pradesh) and Puri (Odisha).

(c) to (e): The following projects have been sanctioned under Ramayana and Krishna Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

<pre> (Rs. in crore)
Sl. No. Name of the Project Amount sanctioned
Ramayana Circuit
1. Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh (2016-17) 69.45
Krishna Circuit
2. Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana. (2016-17) 97.35
3. Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan. (2016-17) 91.45

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The completion time for the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme varies from 18 to 36 months.

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